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SUBJECT: UN PERSONNEL: SYG EXPECTED TO SELECT WILLIAMS FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

1. USYG FOR ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT DAVIDSON TOLD MISOFF LATE JUNE 23 THAT TANCO HAD REPORTED TO WALDHEIM FOLLOWING TALLY ON SELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: 20 IN FAVOR OF WILLIAMS AND 2 LEANING TOWARD

HIM, THOUGH STILL AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS; 7, INCLUDING BANGLADESH, IN FAVOR OF BANGLADESH; 5 WITHOUT

 $INSTRUCTIONS; 2\ NOT\ COUNTED.$ 

2. DAVIDSON SAID THAT AFTER TANCO'S REPORT WALDHEIM CONTACTED BANGLADESH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. WALDHEIM SAID IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING TALLY AND CONCURRENCE OF

SAOUMA FOR WILLIAMS, SYG HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO APPOINT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILLIAMS. WALDHEIM ADDED THAT REACTION OF WFC MEMBERSHIP CONFIRMED HIS ORIGINAL INTENTION.

3. DAVIDSON SAID BANGLADESH MINISTER REQUESTED HE BE ALLOWED TO RETURN HOME AND ADVISE HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES OF SYG'S INTENTION. DAVIDSON SPECULATED THAT REQUEST REFLECTS AN INTENTION TO "BARGAIN" WITH SYG OVER OUTCOME.

DAVIDSON SAID SYG WILL WAIT UNTIL TUESDAY BEFORE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCING HIS INTENTION TO APPOINT WILLIAMS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WFC. DAVIDSON FIRMLY ASSURED USUN THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE ON TUESDAY AND STATED IT WAS WALDHEIM'S PRESENT INTENTION, AS OF TIME OF CONVERSATION, TO NAME WILLIAMS TO POST. LEONARD

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